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Dear Mr. Ashcroft: Thank you for finally ending the antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft with a settlement that is more than fair. I personally feel that enough is enough. We have expended millions of dollars on this suit already, and I believe our tax dollars could be more prudently allocated. This is a strong agreement. It grants computer manufacturers new rights to configure systems with access to various Windows features. In addition, it creates a governmental technical oversight committee to review Microsoft software codes and books, and to test Microsoft compliance to ensure that Microsoft abides by the agreement. The only term of the settlement I believe is inappropriate is the internal interface disclosure. I do not believe that Microsoft should have to divulge any information to its competitors relating to how it designs or secures its product. This particular term defies the very foundation upon which this nation was built: free enterprise. Your decision demonstrates insightful leadership on your part. I am glad that our Attorney General is a friend of American business. In my opinion, no more action should be taken at the federal level in this case. Thank you. Sincerely, Chris Johnson 20821 Hillcrest Pl. Edmonds, WA 98026